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Customer Number 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 3715-0062-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Brigitte GICQUEL et al.)
Serial No.: 09/855,604) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: May 16, 2001) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
For: POLYPEPTIDE NUCLEIC)
SEQUENCES EXPORTED FROM)
MYCOBACTERIA, VECTORS)
COMPRISING SAME AND USES)
FOR DIAGNOSING AND)
PREVENTING TUBERCULOSIS)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Upon review of Applicants' file, it was realized that several pages were missing from the application as filed that were present in the parent application as filed. Applicants believe that those pages were missing because of an error made while photocopying Applicants' copy of the application, and that the present application as filed was complete.

However, in an abundance of caution, Applicants have obtained a copy of the missing pages from the PTO copy of the parent application, and have amended the present application to include those possibly missing pages. This amendment is supported because this application is a continuation application of the parent

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application, and the filing papers for this application expressly incorporated the parent application by reference.

Thus, before examining this application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto are the pages 24, 71, 80, 82-85, and 182 from the parent application. Please amend this application by inserting the pages as follows:

~~Place page 24/185 between pages 23/185 and 25/185;~~

~~place page 71/185 between pages 70/185 and 72/185;~~

~~place page 80/185 between pages 79/185 and 81/185;~~

~~place pages 82/185 through 85/185 between pages 81/185 and 86/185; and~~

~~place page 182/185 between pages 181/185 and 183/185.~~

Applicants respectfully submit that no fee is due for this Preliminary Amendment. However, if there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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